India and procured locally. The Government provide adequate funds every year for these requirements. The expenditure incurred by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in connection with Haj arrangements and subsidy provided for air transportation for Haj pilgrimage during the last three years is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure incurred by Ministry of External Affairs	Year	Subsidy (Provisional)
2004-05	Rs. 21,18,30,030 Rs.	Haj 2005	Rs. 198 crores
2005-06	24,87,75,665 Rs.	Haj 2006	Rs. 290 crores
2006-07	23,35,42,728	Haj 2006-11	Rs. 367 crores

Manual scavenging

1854. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite Planning Commission's commitment to eradicate manual scavenging totally from the country by 2007, there are still more than 90,000 scavengers who are to be liberated from this dehumanizing practice;

(b) whether Government has completed the revision of guidelines on Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme based on inputs received from States narrating the difficulties in its implementations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and likely deadline for eradication of manual scavenging in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the suggestions received from the Planning Commission, State Governments and various stake holders, revision of guidelines of the ILCS Scheme is under consideration of the Government. Since ILCS is a demand driven scheme, all efforts will be made to convert the existing dry latrines into water seal toilets in a time bound manner.

Survey by NEC on housing crisis

1855. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per survey conducted by National Building Organisation (NBO) and her Ministry, the country needs 24.71 million homes to solve its housing crisis, and the housing shortage could touch 26.50 million in another five years;

(b) whether her Ministry has asked State Government and haswritten to the Chief Secretaries to regulate untrammelled growth of urban areas and prepare a comprehensive